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Salvation Status: I am not sure when I became a Christian

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Formation Phase

What's Next?

Formation Phase: Deploy / Implementation

- You are now making a conscious decision to pursue your ultimate ministry calling
- You have significant clarity regarding the kinds of ministry service you should avoid and the kinds of service that is consistent with God's call upon your life
- You recognize the value of the body of Christ and have learned to team up with people who possess abilities and gifts that compliment your own
- Your life-passion is now to extend Christ's Kingdom within this fallen world
- You are making the difficult decisions necessary to reorient your life's priorities so that your life may better align with God's created purpose and ministry calling

The Deploy/Implementation phase of spiritual development occurs when an individual makes a conscious decision to assume their ultimate ministry calling...this is what is meant by "Implementation", for God has called every Christian to His service. It is generally the more mature Christians who make God's ministry calling their priority. This sense of calling is deeper than being called to be a wife, husband, mother, or father. The Apostle Paul clearly teaches that such individuals will have a divided concern to please both their family member and their Lord. This is why Paul challenges the Christians in 1 Corinthians 7 to consider remaining unmarried. Regardless of our station in life, every Christian has a ministry calling that extends beyond their immediate family. An individual entering the Deploy/Implementation phase of spiritual development recognizes that all previous ministry opportunities, life experiences, and spiritual equipping has served as preparation for

real reason God has called them to be his child and serve in his Kingdom. This does not mean that such people have "arrived to the ultimate plain of spiritual existence". The Apostle Paul did not consider himself to have arrived, look at how he speaks of himself in Philippians 3:12, "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me". Our ministry mission is not complete until the day Christ takes us home to heaven, or the day he returns to gather us with him in the clouds as he makes a new heaven and a new earth. So

there is no room for pride or arrogance exhibited by anyone who finds themselves at the Deploy/Implementation phase. Rather, the truly mature in Christ will reflect his character, they will exhibit humility and a servant's heart. Now that you have realized God's ministry call upon your life, consider how you may reorganize your priorities and finances to help leverage them for the purposes of your call. Prayerfully seek the Lord for his guidance and for the support of other people so that you serve him as a member of the Body of Christ, and not as a lone ranger. And expect in faith that God can and will do abundantly more than you think or imagine through you (Ephesians 3:20), for then he alone will gain all credit and praise. Finally, consider always Peter's challenge to us in 1 Peter 1:10-11, "Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ".



